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Judge Milton Buck, *President*
Newark Symphony Corp.
57 Sussex Avenue
Newark, N.J. 07103

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am writing to suggest that special consideration be given to the application of Mr. Phillip Thomas for the position of Director of Symphony Hall.

The aforementioned position requires a special person. Mr. Thomas has the rare ability of being able to get along well with people of diverse backgrounds. He is well organized and articulate. He is interested in the art and culture of New Jersey. His connection with various organizations and institutions has provided him with insight into the way organizations and institutions work. Mr. Thomas is a born leader; he is capable of generating enthusiasm for a legitimate cause and he is equal to the task of seeing that a job is completed.

Finally, his present position with the New Jersey State Council of the Arts has given him the opportunity to make important contacts with many people and organizations throughout the State. These experiences, render him capable of promoting Symphon Hall into the forefront of New Jersey's artistic and cultural institutions.

If I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me.
Thanks.

Sincerely,

James Brown
Principal Librarian
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